GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

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Scholarship Schemes
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has granted scholarships to students under the National Means-cum-Merit Scholarship Scheme and if so, the details thereof;
(b) the amount released for all the States including Maharashtra in order to grant scholarship during the last three years and the current year, district-wise;
(c) whether some students are yet to be granted scholarships under the said scheme and if so, the reasons therefor and the time by which scholarships are likely to be granted to these students;
(d) whether the NMMS and National Scheme for Incentive to the Girl Child are covered under the Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) scheme and if so, the details thereof, State/UT/district-wise;
(e) whether the number of beneficiaries who are provided scholarships directly in their bank accounts are linked to an Aadhaar Number and if so, the details thereof, State/UT-wise; and
(f) the time by when all the beneficiaries are likely to be linked under Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) Scheme ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
(SHRI UPENDRA KUSHWAHA)

(a) & (b) Yes, Madam.The funds for scholarships under National Means-cum-Merit Scholarship Scheme (NMMSS) are released to the State Bank of India which disburses the scholarship amount directly into the bank accounts of the students. A statement showing the State-wise scholarship amount sanctioned under the scheme during last three years and the current year is at Annexure-I.
(c) The scholarships could not be sanctioned to some students for want of funds. The issue of providing additional funds for sanctioning scholarships for pending proposals
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under the scheme has been taken up with the Ministry of Finance.
(d) to (f) Yes, Madam. This Ministryhas requested all State Governments to collect Aadhaar details of scholarship holders of 2016-17 under these schemes for applyingon National Scholarship Portal by 31st August 2016. The State Governments have also been requested for seeding of the bank accounts of scholarship holders with Aadhaar numbers.A statement indicating status of Aadhaar and its seeding with bank accounts of scholarship holders in 2016-17 is at Annexure-ll.
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